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## What is COMECC?

COMECC is the annual state employee voluntary workplace giving program involving all branches of government. Thanks to you - our generous state employee community – who pledged approximately \$1.6 million last fall to support a wide range of non-profit organizations. This is a time of year when we reflect on the many things we are thankful for: dedication of the military troops and veterans, organizations that help provide basics such as food, clothing, and shelter to the needy including disaster survivors, and charities that help children, seniors, or those battling illness. Whether your cause relates to people, animals, or the environment, COMECC has it covered.

## Who benefits from COMECC?

Many people are just one illness, car accident, house fire, or natural disaster away from needing help from one of the non-profits which participate in COMECC. Sometimes people are simply at the wrong place and the wrong time and unexpectedly suddenly need emergency assistance. The future is unpredictable and we in Massachusetts are all too familiar with the power of storms like Sandy, the tornadoes that damaged central and western MA last year, and the ice storms that impacted central and North Central MA several years ago.

## Why Give Through COMECC?

1. In the eyes of the non-profit receiving our donations, the donor is: “Commonwealth of Massachusetts employees” (unless you opt for an acknowledgement letter). This is our chance to demonstrate that state employees deeply care about their community. What inspired many of us to pursue a career in public service is the opportunity to help others. COMECC is another opportunity to do so. It promotes agency teamwork, raises awareness about needs, and stirs healthy competition in agencies and secretariats.
2. Charities are reviewed to ensure they are registered with the Massachusetts Attorney General’s Office; No professional fundraisers or unknown charities are involved.
3. All donations are tax-deductible (credit card or check donations made in 2012 count for 2012). Payroll deductions are tax deductible for 2013 and are processed in January.
4. Charities prefer to process one quarterly check rather than many checks from each individual donor and this allows them to budget across a full year

## How to Donate

Visit the COMECC.net website (and [www.mass.gov/hrd/comecc](http://www.mass.gov/hrd/comecc)) or refer to the COMECC brochure and paper pledge card available from your agency human resources office. Donations are being accepted through January. If you have any questions please contact Jill Lewis, (617-348-6229 or [jill.lewis@bostonabcd.org](mailto:jill.lewis@bostonabcd.org)), Duke Hutchinson (617-348-6228 or [duke.hutchinson@bostonabcd.org](mailto:duke.hutchinson@bostonabcd.org)), or Natalie Wadzinski (617-878-9710 or [natalie.wadzinski@massmail.state.ma.us](mailto:natalie.wadzinski@massmail.state.ma.us)).

Thank you for your ongoing support of the program and the contributions each of you make every day. Your dollars and cents will help make change! No amount is too small to help others whose needs are so great.

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